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The University of Illinois is proud of the Rehabilitation-Education Center. The outstanding work of the Center has gained national and international attention. The Rehabilitation Program of the Center plays a crucial role in stimulating and preparing students to make significant contributions in a highly competitive society. By this yardstick alone the Program has been a monumental success.

This success has been characterized by the spirit, perseverance, and faithfulness of the students, as well as by the creative and dedicated leadership of Professor Timothy J. Nugent. As such, the Center stands as a symbol of hope and fulfillment not only for those directly involved but to the entire university community.

I salute the work of the Rehabilitation Center and wish it continued success in its pursuit of excellence.



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# Letter from the Editor

Dear Friends,

This issue of Sigma Signs was designed with three groups of people in mind. The first group is the current handicapped students on the University of Illinois campus. There are pictures of various activities that occurred during the school year 1970-71 which may bring back memories. The second group is the alumni. I hope that you will get an idea of what campus life is like now and will learn about some of your old friends from Alumni Briefs. The last group is those people who have really never known a blind person or a person in a wheelchair. I want to dedicate this issue to you most of all. I hope that after you read this you will realize that handicapped people are just "ordinary people".

Many of the pages are devoted to wheelchair sports. It is through wheelchair sports that many first become associated with the handicapped and see them as people, but the public should be aware that sports is not the only activity. Not every person in a wheelchair has the desire to participate in sports just as not every able-bodied person is athletically minded. Many handicapped students participate in campus-wide activities, such as choral groups, student government, theatrical productions, and professional organizations. Many find studying a full-time occupation. Others spend the majority of their time goofing off doing things only a college student would think of doing. In general, handicapped students on the U of I Campus are having fun enjoying life.

I hope you will enjoy reading this issue and will learn more about us.

Sincerely,  
Mary Wolfe

Mary Jane Cera and Sue LoTempio, Assistants



# In the Beginning

Spring, 1970—This is the beginning for any high school senior or college transfer student who wants to enter the U of I in the fall . . . an interview with Mr. Konitzki (one soon learns to call him Mr. K.) . . . push around the gym, go up a ramp, and transfer as fast as you can for Mr. Elmer . . . get a tour of the building . . . celebrate when Mr. K. says you get to come a week early for Functional Training...



(above) A new student, Shirley Cordova, is interviewed by Mr. Konitzki.



(above) "Maybe I'll get done in another 3 hours."

September, 1970 — Functional Training Week (alias Hell Week) is the week before New Student Week when those students who might have difficulties achieving physical independence learn to cope with the campus routine . . . take dry showers until you are wet from perspiring . . . practice pushing up a ramp in less than 15 minutes . . . get your first blisters . . . fall asleep exhausted every night...

Balance \$000.00

(below) And New Student Week is the time to make new friends.

**New Student Week**—Move into the dorm . . . meet your roommate and new friends . . . get lost trying to get to the Union and then get lost in the Union . . . spend 4 hours registering so that you won't have any 8 o'clocks and end up with 5 . . . buy books and write home for more money . . . get homesick but pretend you aren't . . . have fun just goofing around...





At the DSO picnic Joanne Owen dries off from a dip in the lake (left) while others bundle up for a boat ride (above).

**DSO Picnic**-Every year the day before classes begin the Springfield Disabled Veterans sponsor a picnic for all the rehabilitation students, staff, and friends, at Lake Springfield. . .a little rain never hurt anyone. . .eat, drink, and be merry with old friends and new. . .  
**First Week of Classes**-Take the wrong bus so cut your first class. . .get lost trying to find the Altgeld elevator so late for second class. . .already 3 papers and 6 books behind. . .find the local bar and get your first and last (?) hangover . . .meet someone special. . .have a ball. . .



(above) "Only 3 more semesters of this and I will be done with P.E."

# C l a s s e s B e g i n



(above) Mary Jane Cera had a lot of obstacles to overcome before learning how to drive but she did it and now has a license.

(below) And, yes, students do attend classes occasionally.





# DSO Banquet



October, 1970-Every year Delta Sigma Omicron, the student rehabilitation service organization, sponsors a banquet in the Union where awards are given to the rehabilitation students or alums who have achieved success in their endeavors and who have served others well. . .entertainment provided by students. . .laugh at some of Rich Feltes's jokes. . .listen as Mrs. Cera tells what it is like to be the mother of Mary Jane. . .hear Jack Whitman tell about his experiences as a Gizz Kid. . .



(below) Harold Scharper Award winners were Fred Fay, Rich Feltes, Judy Webb Harris, and Tom Brown.



# Harold Scharper Awards

Each year a Harold Scharper Achievement Award and a Harold Scharper Service Award are given to graduating seniors or alumni in memory of Harold Scharper, the first student in the rehabilitation program at Galesburg. The Achievement Award is presented to the graduating senior or recent alumnus who has exhibited the greatest endeavor during his schooling at the University of Illinois or immediately upon completion of his schooling. The Service Award is given to a student of any class, who has contributed the greatest service in the development and furtherance of the purposes and practices for which Harold Scharper dedicated his life. Each individual receiving these awards is given a fitting desk or wall plaque and his name is inscribed on either the Harold Scharper Achievement Plaque or the Harold Scharper Service Plaque which hangs in the University's Rehabilitation-Education Center. These awards are the highest recognition that the University of Illinois and Delta Sigma Omicron, Incorporated, can bestow upon one of its physically handicapped students and it is indeed an honor to the recipient.

## JUDITH WEBB HARRIS

Judy, nee Webb, Harris received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Recreation and Park Administration in June 1970 with a cumulative point average of 4.627 (4.0 = B; 5.0 = A).

She is presently employed as Director of Special Programs for the Handicapped, Champaign Park District, wherein she has the responsibility for developing multiple recreation programs for physically handicapped of all causes and manifestations as an integral part of the Champaign Park District.

Judy received academic honors recognition in 1968, 1969, and 1970. She was elected a James Scholar. She was elected to the Bronze Tablet in 1970 and graduated with highest honors in the College of Physical Education in 1970.

Judy was elected to Phi Kappa Phi, National Honor Society.

In May 1970 she was elected as one of the "Top 100 Seniors" by the University of Illinois Alumni Association and the Illini Union Student Activities Board.

In the spring of 1970 she was selected to receive the Charles K. Brightbill Award as the most outstanding student in the Recreation and Park Administration.

Judy has not limited her outstanding achievements to academics. She has distinguished herself in many fields of athletic competition.

In 1967 she received a gold medal in the Columbia Round Archery Competition at the Stoke Mandeville, England International Wheelchair Games and a silver medal in the Slalom. That same year she received a gold medal in the Columbia Round Archery and a gold medal in Dartchery at the Pan American Wheelchair Games in Canada.

Judy holds the National Records in both the Columbia and the American Rounds in Archery set at the National Wheelchair Games in New York. She also won the National Championship in Table Tennis for Class I Women at the National Wheelchair Games in June 1968.

Judy was selected as a member of the U.S. Paralympic Team to compete in the Israel Paralympics where she won a silver medal in the Albion Round Archery and a bronze medal in the FITA Round Archery while breaking the old world FITA record.

In 1968 she was nominated for Woman Athlete of the Year in the State of Montana.

Judy served as an activity leader at St. John's Retirement Home in Billings, Montana during July and August of 1968.

She served as an activity leader at Younker's Rehabilitation Center, Des Moines, Iowa, July and August of 1969.

She was a member of the Advisory Committee to the President of the Illinois Parks and Recreation Society during 1969 and 1970 and was an Administrative Assistant to the President of the Illinois Parks and Recreation Society during 1969 and 1970. She also served as an activity leader at the Adler Zone Center during 1969.

Judy has also gained considerable respect for the many services she has rendered. She has served on many committees of Delta Sigma Omicron. She was a member of the folk singing group in 1968, 1969 and 1970. She served two years as Treasurer of her residential unit of Allen Hall.

To hear her speak, her greatest achievement was marrying Tim Harris. One of her great thrills was being chosen by the U.S. Paralympic Coaches as one of three persons representing the three major religious groups to greet the Pope in Rome and to present him with a gift from the U.S. Paralympic Team.

Judy is completely paralyzed from the eighth thoracic vertebra on down as a result of neuromyelitis.

## RICHARD J. FELTES

Rich Feltes earned the respect and affection of all of his peers and all of the students and faculty with whom he came in contact because of the nature in which he does things for others and himself, in that order, and for the qualitative as well as the quantitative aspects of what he does.

The officers of Delta Sigma Omicron and various committee chairmen have commended Rich many times for his willingness to work on behalf of any worthwhile project and for his effectiveness in seeing projects through to completion.

Rich's indomitable spirit and enthusiasm always infect all of those with whom he comes in contact.

Rich served as Chairman of the Twenty-first Annual Awards Banquet and as Chairman of the Delta Sigma Omicron Public Relations Committee during 1969-70.

Richard Feltes developed into an excellent public speaker and has been called upon on many occasions to present viewpoints of the physically disabled in seminars, conferences, etc. His efforts here were most meaningful and effective.

Rich was also one of the most effective fund raisers for various Delta Sigma Omicron projects.

He served as a volunteer for Volunteer Illini Projects and also served as a math tutor.

In June 1970 he was selected as one of the "Top 100 Seniors" by the University of Illinois Alumni Association and Illini Union Student Activities Board.

Richard Feltes was a member of the University of Illinois Wheelchair Educational Demonstration Unit which put on educational programs and demonstrations throughout the United States, including Hawaii. He was one of the leaders of this program.

Rich was a member of the Illinois Gizz Kids Wheelchair Basketball Teams from 1967-68 through the 1969-70 seasons, including the two National Championship teams in 1969 and 1970. Rich was never a regular member of the starting five, yet he was always there in support of his team and developed into one of the best utility players in the history of the Gizz Kids. Many times his participation in the game made the difference.

He was a member of the White Flashes wheelchair football teams in 1968, 1969 and 1970, winning the championship in 1969. Rich was a member of the National Championship Illinois Gizz Kids Track and Field Teams of 1967, 1968, 1969 and 1970, and is holder of the National Record for the One Mile Race in Class III (6:45.7), and a member of the Two Hundred and Forty Yard Relay Team which set a National Record in 1969.

He was selected as a member of the U. S. Paralympic Team to participate in the Paralympics in Tel Aviv, Israel in 1968 where he won a bronze medal in the 60 meter dash and was also elected a member of the U.S. Pan American Wheelchair Games Team in 1969 and was a gold medalist in both swimming and track.

Rich currently shares in the management of a large produce farm in northern Illinois.

Rich is currently spearheading attempts to organize wheelchair sports and other activities for the physically disabled in the northern Illinois area.

Rich had poliomyelitis at the age of one leaving him with considerable paralysis in his legs and spotty paralysis in the lower trunk. Rich is ambulatory.

## THOMAS R. BROWN

Thomas R. Brown is a senior in Music, College of Fine and Applied Arts, with a cumulative grade point average of 3.904 (3.0 = C; 4.0 = B).

Tom is well known for his outstanding achievements in both athletics and music and these tend to overshadow both the quality and the quantity of the services he has rendered to others and to the University. His peers, in nominating him, emphasized the readiness of Tom to help in any way that he can while remaining in the background. Tom never says "no" when asked to be of service.

Tom Brown served as President of the University of Illinois Flute Club during 1967-68.

Tom has served as Commissar for Koinonia Cooperative House in which capacity he is responsible for the procurement of all foods and materials for the cooperative.

Tom has served as Athletic Chairman for Koinonia for three and one-half years during which times the Koinonia teams have won championships in football among independents and a second in basketball among independents.

Tom has entertained inmates at State Hospitals throughout Illinois and elsewhere by performing on his flute. He has made several other hospital visitations participating in educational seminars, educational demonstrations and talking with physically disabled patients.

Tom has been invited to perform at faculty concerts of the School of Music.

He has been an active leader in many of Delta Sigma Omicron's projects, and has served very effectively on several committees of Delta Sigma Omicron. Tom was Chairman of the Entertainment Committee in 1969 and General Chairman of the Awards Banquet in 1970.

Tom has entertained at many Delta Sigma Omicron functions and was featured at the Dedication of the new Rehabilitation-Education Center. He also performed throughout the United States on behalf of Delta Sigma Omicron and the University of Illinois.

Tom received University Honors Day recognition in 1969 and 1970.

Tom served as a counselor at the Colorado Easter Seal Handicamp for Handicapped Children in 1969 and was appointed Head Counselor at this camp during the summer of 1970.

Tom was also selected as a member of the University of Illinois Wheelchair Educational Demonstration Group which toured throughout the United States, including Hawaii, giving educational demonstrations, conducting educational seminars, entertaining, and demonstrating athletic skills in a wheelchair.

Tom Brown received the Captain James S. Ure Award for outstanding sportsmanship in 1968 at the conclusion of the Twentieth Annual National Wheelchair Basketball Tournament and the Twentieth Season of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association.

As an athlete, Tom Brown excels. It would be difficult to list all of his achievements but a few of the highlights would include: Highest Individual Game Score in Tournament Competition (39 points); Highest Average Scoring Per Game in Tournament Competition (33 points per game); First Team All America in Wheelchair Basketball in 1968, 1969 and 1970 and Third Team All America in 1967; holder of the National records in the 60-yard dash and 100-yard dash in Class III competition and winner of the Slalom in the National Wheelchair Games for the past three years. At one time he also held the National Mile Record Class III competition.

Because the international rules of competition do not yet include, or allow for, participation by amputees, Tom has been denied the opportunity to participate in the Paralympics. Because of outstanding people like Tom Brown, this international rule is now under discussion and consideration.

Tom is a congenital bilateral, above knee amputee. He gets about both by ambulating on artificial limbs and by use of a wheelchair.

## FREDERICK F. FAY

Fred Fay, currently a Ph.D. candidate in Educational Psychology, received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology from the University of Illinois in 1967 with a cumulative grade point average of 3.803 and his Master of Science in Educational Psychology in 1970 with a cumulative grade point average of 4.5 (4.0 B; 5.0 A).

From June of 1967 to September of 1969 Fred worked as Computer Programmer for IBM Federal Systems Division, Gaithersburg, Maryland.

Since receiving his baccalaureate degree, Fred has effectively represented the University of Illinois, Delta Sigma Omicron, and individuals with spinal cord injuries at various state and national meetings. He has been an official delegate to the National Paraplegia Foundation on several occasions and has served on several national committees of the National Paraplegia Foundation. For the past five years he was a member of the Steering Committee of the Architectural Barriers Project in Washington, D.C. He was co-founder of Opening Doors, a service group in Washington, D.C. for and of paraplegics and quadriplegics.

He served as President of the National Capital Area Chapter of the National Paraplegia Foundation for two terms during 1967 and 1968.

Fred has written several significant articles. He has spoken before lay and professional groups and for one year lectured to medical and paramedical personnel and medical students at several major hospital facilities with expressed interests in the rehabilitation of individuals with spinal cord injury. He received many high accolades for the effectiveness of these lectures and special programs.

Among some of his most noteworthy achievements was the role he played as a member of the National Citizens Conference on the Rehabilitation of the Disabled and Disadvantaged sponsored by the U. S. Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare. He served as Vice Chairman of the Conference Work Group on Architectural Barriers.

Fred Fay was a consultant and an editor to the publication "The Goal is Mobility" and served as technical consultant and editor to the 16 mm color sound film produced by the U. S. Office of Education, "Beating the Averages" which featured both him and his lovely wife, Linda.

Fred was largely responsible for the publication of a *Guide to Washington, D.C. for the Physically Disabled*.

Fred prepared testimony and evidence in support of federal legislative bills HR-4822 and S-1117 so that the new subway for the District of Columbia would be accessible to, and usable by, the physically disabled. Fred was invited to be present at the time the President of the United States signed this bill into law and has, as one of his proud possessions, one of the pens used in the signing of the bill.

In 1967 Fred was selected one of the "Top 100 Seniors" by the University of Illinois Alumni Association and the Illini Union Student Activities Board.

In 1965 he was recipient of the Harold Scharper Service Award in recognition of his persistent hard work on behalf of those things which Delta Sigma Omicron and the Rehabilitation-Education Program represent, both on and off campus.

As an undergraduate, Fred held several responsible offices in the residence hall governing system, chaired and was a member of several significant and effective committees of Delta Sigma Omicron, spearheaded several aspects of the disabled student orientation program, and was a contributor to SIGMA SIGNS.

Fred is 26 years of age and a traumatic quadriplegic with paralysis beginning at the sixth cervical vertebra following a fall from a trapeze June 4, 1961. He has since had a fibrous cyst removed from the spine at the third cervical level. He completed his high school work via home teaching. At the time he came to the University of Illinois he was not physically functional and worked exceedingly hard to become a completely independent, tireless and productive worker.



Football Season-draft freshmen. . .learn to crash hard but legally. . .learn to get back into your chair before anyone notices you. . .learn not to run over the crowd during an exciting play. . .cheerleading practice. . .argue about uniforms. . .learn to "pop a wheelie" for a cheer and fall several times. . .lose a shoe while out on the floor cheering...



Action

in the

(above) The Gold and Blue teams watch as Kim Pollock and Tom Brown fight over the ball.

Armory



Tom Brown looks for a receiver and throws (above) as Ed Owen and two Gold players (Ken Martin #47 and Kim Pollock #45) wait for the ball (right).

The 1970 football champs, the Golds, are congratulated by Mr. Nugent and Mr. Konitzki (below).





# Letter from DSO President

The Alpha Chapter of Delta Sigma Omicron made an attempt this year to achieve a change in focus, a broadening of perspective. It was the commonly held view of disabled students on campus that DSO should become a more effective organization, functioning as more than a name with which the Rehab Center sponsored various athletic and informational activities. So we tried to rearrange our priorities and discover what our purposes and functions could be, and what we might accomplish, as a student organization.

Here are some of the things we have done towards this end:

1) Our Architectural Barriers Committee is determining what we might accomplish on a state and national level, as well as becoming more functional locally.

2) We are getting more involved in campus-wide programs and programs elsewhere in the country which desire our help: financial, organizational, or informational.

3) An information library pertinent to the needs of all disabled is being set up which we hope will be useful to anyone desiring such information.

4) On April 22, 23, and 24 we participated in a workshop for Occupational Therapy students from surrounding colleges, to expose them to and educate them about attitudes, ideas and abilities of the rehabilitated, as they relate to the Occupational Therapist.

5) We formed an Athletic Advisory Committee to help the Recreation Staff at the Center in the conduct of athletic activities.

6) We gained student representation on the Advisory Committee to the Dean on policy and operation of the Rehabilitation Program.

7) We instituted the Timothy J. Nugent Award to be presented by DSO each year to a person the students feel has made achievements worthy of recognition. It will be a monetary award donated to a cause of the recipient's choice.

8) We renovated the Annual DSO Awards Banquet, attempting to make it more interesting, more enjoyable, and more a student affair.

I hope we have begun a change which will result in making DSO a vital and effective organization which is sensitive to the needs and desires of the disabled.

Lynn Dickey, President  
Delta Sigma Omicron  
Alpha Chapter



# 1971 Tour

January, 1971-Every year during semester break the Gizz Kids, a student group of wheelchair basketball players, cheerleaders, and squaredancers, tour parts of the country educating people on the abilities of the disabled...this year headed north and east...first stop **Hammond, Indiana**...at grade school assembly kids treated us like celebrities...next to Mary Jane Cera's house for pop and pizza...then supper at a "real fancy place"...in front of 4500 people, thanks to Mrs. Cera, beat the Rockford Chariots...more food at a reception after the game.



(above) "One big happy family"



(above) "Come on, Tim. This is no time to be dancing."



(right) Believe it or not the girls were actually playing against five boys at this time.

(below) Sue Sea, star salesman, strikes again.



(above) The guys didn't want to leave the Football Hall of Fame and even the girls enjoyed the museum.

Next day rode to **Lansing, Michigan**. . .lost game to Detroit Sparks. . .reception afterwards not too cheerful but still fun in the Gizz Kid spirit. . .following day spent riding on bus to **Canton, Ohio**. . .met our sponsor, Father Curran. . .paired off and went to "our families'" houses. . .most houses loaded with steps and kids but really great people. . .next morning practiced with a local Boys Club and even the girls got into the act. . .went to two shopping centers to sell tickets to the game. . .visited Football Hall of Fame. . .





(left) "Jim, we're not playing on the floor!"

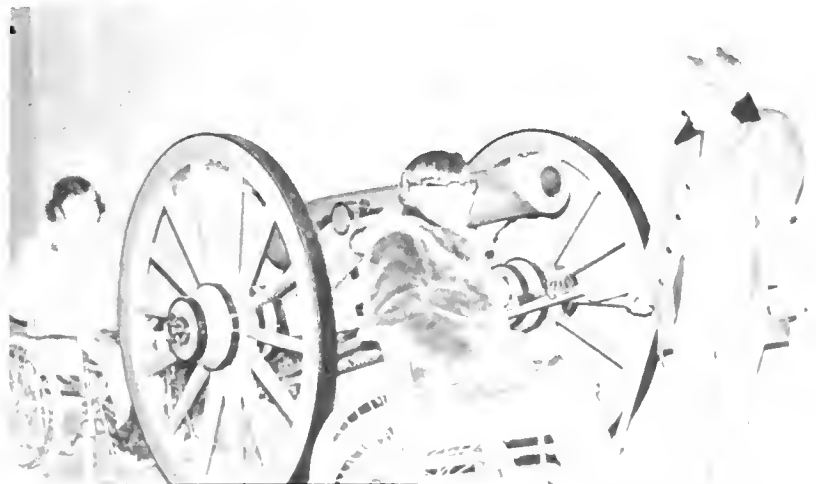
(below) Father Curran, an indescribable person, keeps us entertained as we wait for the bus to be repaired.



(above) A "shower" feels good after a game!

On to **Johnstown, Pennsylvania**, to play the Rehab team there. . . few of us went swimming in Center's pool after game. . . trip to hospital after one cheerleader fell and cut herself. . . path to breakfast next morning downhill and through snow. . . "Gospel Gizzers", an unusual singing group, formed...

(below) An aerial view of a football exhibition.



(above) "The captain says 'Fire up' so here goes."



Next stop **Harrisburg**. . . trip to Gettysburg. . . three schools assembly programs. . . lost to Philadelphia by 2 points. . . final game at **East Orange, New Jersey**. . . drove straight back to Champaign. . . got home exhausted at 3 A.M. Saturday. . . classes start Monday, ugh!

# "Women's Lib"



(above) Gwen Phillips tries a lay-up.



(above) We may not be the Harlem Globetrotters but we sure have a ball!



February, 1971 - **Girl's Basketball** - This winter a few girls in wheelchairs and some able-bodied girls organized a girls' basketball team ... first wheel around the gym ... practiced passing, dribbling, and picking ball up on spokes ... finally advanced to lay-up shots ... tried to play a game ... rough sport but laugh a lot ...

(left) "Wait! Let's decide which direction we're going."

(below) "No fair! Buffy's a 'foot' taller than me!"



(right) Sue Sea scores!



(above) "Look! Up in the air! It's a bird, it's a plane."

(below) Confusion reigns as usual.



March, 1971-After having won the championship 2 years in a row, the Illinois Gizz Kids had trouble qualifying for the tournament when two close losses to the Champaign-Urbana Black Knights put them in 2nd place in their conference. In the last few seconds of a play-off game, the Gizz Kids beat Indianapolis and went on to beat Sacramento (49-26) and Brooklyn (46-40) in tournament play before losing to Detroit (39-60). The Detroit Sparks beat the Black Knights to win the tournament and the Gizz Kids ended up in 3rd place after having no trouble with Philadelphia (58-40). At the tournament banquet Tom Brown and captain Jim Taylor were named as 1st team All-Americans and Kim Pollock and Tim Harris were named as 2nd team All-Americans. Tom Brown also was voted the most valuable player of the tournament.



(above) "Round and round it goes and where it stops nobody knows."



"Well, I don't want it!"

(below) Cheerleading captain Sue LoTempio takes time out to sign an autograph.



## 1971 NWBA Tournament



(above) Ticket chairman, Rod Vlieger, and secretary Casey keep track of tournament tickets.



Tom Brown watches in disbelief as a Philadelphia player takes time out to juggle the ball.

(below) Captain Jim Taylor is congratulated by cheerleaders Marilyn Boczulak and Gwen Phillips after the victory over Philadelphia.



# Wheelchair for a Day



(above) Guess which of these students uses a wheelchair every day?



(above) Charlene DeLoach answers a question about adjustment during panel discussion.

April 1971 - National Student Occupational Therapy Rehabilitation Workshop - The Rehabilitation Center staff and students participated in the Student Occupational Therapy Workshop held at the U of I on April 22, 23, & 24. . . led students from other universities through a tour of the Center . . . gave exhibition of wheelchair sports . . . participated in discussion groups on rehabilitation . . . all the OT students spent an afternoon in a wheelchair . . . We all hope that everyone who attended the Workshop returned to their universities with a better understanding of what it means to be physically handicapped.



(above) This OT student seems a little skeptical about getting off the bus with his "new vehicle".



(above) Ernie Hodge demonstrates how a quadriplegic dresses himself.

OT student Mike Goodling, co-chairman, spent many hours planning the Workshop. (below) He leads this informal discussion on rehabilitation.



# Get on Your Mark



June, 1971 - Started practicing in March for the **National Wheelchair Games** held in New York each June. . .swim at 6:30 A.M. . .lug out equipment for field practice. . .go to Pennsylvania Games to gain experience. . .hold Intercollegiate Games at U of I. . .leave for New York late because of music final. . .lose tire and wait 3 hours alongside cornfield. . .have lottery for time we arrive at hotel. . .3 days of ping pong, weightlifting, bowling, swimming, archery, and track & field events. . .meet new friends. . .7 Gizz Kids selected for U.S. team to compete in the Pan American Games in Jamaica. . .sleep all the way home...



(above) Buffy Fetter sets a new national record in the discus for Class I women.

(right) Carl Lewis and Dan Dropko are neck and neck in this distance race.



(above) Mike Goodling hopes for a bull's eye. (left) Mary Jane Cera "runs" through the slalom (obstacle course) during the Intercollegiate Games.



Tom Brown supervises as Sue Sea throws the javelin (above). Sue won 6 firsts in New York and broke international swimming records in Jamaica.





# Honor Roll

## 5.00 AVERAGE - ALL A's

Anderton, Stephen  
Barth, Rodney  
Cleary, Robert (2)  
Compton, Thomas  
Covington, Vickie (2)  
Dana, Kent  
Drew, Robert (2)  
Eberhard, Dennis  
Eubank, Alice  
Fay, Frederick  
Frederick, Nancy  
Hay, Carl  
Herrstrom, Sylvia  
Jeffers, James (2)  
Johnsen, Lawrence  
Johnsen, Terrence  
Karlen, Douglas  
Kawski, Beth  
Maruko, Keiko  
Matheny, Rebecca  
Miller, Donna  
Mitchack, James  
Morton, James  
Nickeson, Holly  
O'Brien, Sherrill  
Owen, Joanna  
Peverly, Howard  
Plante, Eugene  
Smith, Daryl (2)  
Spinner, Gerald

## 4.00 AND ABOVE AVERAGE

Adamson, Mark  
Anderton, Cynthia (2)  
Anderton, Stephen  
Axt, Randolph (2)  
Balcom, Carol (2)  
Barth, Rodney  
Bennin, Lois (2)  
Birkey, Jacqueline (2)  
Bocka, Larry  
Boddy, Michael  
Boerschinger, Michael  
Brown, Norton (2)

Brown, Thomas  
Campbell, Joseph (2)  
Cera, Mary Jane (2)  
Chenail, Mark (2)  
Clark, Maureen  
Coble, Betty  
Compton, Thomas  
Cordova, Shirley  
Crain, Virginia  
Dana, Kent  
Davidoff, Susan (2)  
Davidson, Patricia  
Davis, Wayne  
Desrosiers, Doris (2)  
Devereaux, Leslie (2)  
Dickey, Lynn (2)  
Dinwiddie, Fred  
Donovan, Frederick (2)  
Dropko, Daniel (2)  
Easley, Trudy  
Ernst, Jeffrey  
Eubank, Alice  
Fairbairn, Susan  
Falk, Vincent  
Fetter, Elizabeth  
Finkelstein, Michael  
Flannigan, Timothy  
Forsythe, Gary (2)  
Fortin, Marolyn  
Frederick, Nancy  
Fritch, Harvey (2)  
Girard, David  
Goren, Phyllis  
Grazier, Donald  
Harris, Timothy (2)  
Hastalis, Steven  
Herrstrom, Sylvia  
Holliman, John (2)  
Johnsen, Lawrence  
Johnsen, Terrence  
Kirkconnel, Scott  
Kopel, Sister Jeanette (2)  
Landroche, Marie (2)  
Lanspery, Gloria (2)  
Launius, Carl  
Levin, Richard (2)

Link, Regina (2)  
Linster, Charles (2)  
LoTempio, Susan  
McDonald, Robert  
Mendius, Barbara  
Michael, Gary  
Mitchack, James  
Moore, Elizabeth (2)  
Mrozowicz, Michael  
Nickeson, Holly  
Pence, Michael  
Peverly, Howard  
Phillips, Gwen (2)  
Plutchak, Marlene  
Pollack, Michael  
Pritchard, Lester  
Pulsfus, Dwight (2)  
Queypo, Wesley (2)  
Quinn, James (2)  
Rice, Robert (2)  
Richardson, Diana  
Roderick, Richard  
Rosenbloom, Sidney  
Schick, James (2)  
Schly, Harvey  
Schmitt, Loren  
Scholes, Julia  
Sea, Susan  
Smith, Susannah (2)  
Soucy, Constance  
Sowle, Susan  
Spinner, Gerald  
Stupp, George (2)  
Thomas, Joan  
Tielis, Clifford (2)  
Turner, Albert  
Valentine, Frieda  
Varley, Charles  
Vaughan, Patrick  
Walker, Bonnie (2)  
Weidner, Nancy  
Weiss, Elizabeth (2)  
Wilkerson, Michael  
Willmott, Gail (2)  
Wolfe, Mary (2)

Grade point averages for the first and second semesters, 1970-71. The numeral 2 indicates that the student was on the Honor Roll both semesters.

# Sigma Signs Congratulates



Tom Brown, Mike Boddy, Dan Dropko, and Jim Taylor (not pictured). These four were honored at the Annual Gizz Kid Basketball Banquet. Tom was elected most valuable player and Mike was elected as most improved player. Dan was chosen 1971 Captain to follow 1970 Captain Jim Taylor.

Jack Whitman--Jack was named as a member of the Wheelchair Hall of Fame for his achievements in archery, for his great sportsmanship, and for sharing his talents with others.



Illinois Gizz Kids selected to U.S. Wheelchair Athletic Team competing in the 3rd Pan Am Wheelchair Games in Jamaica, July 17-22, '71 - Bob Ocirk (above) - 3 1sts in Class 1B swimming, \*Ken Martin (above) - 1st and 2nd in Class 1 dashes, Tom Brown - 4 1sts in Class III racing events, Rod Vlieger - 1st in Class I discus and slalom, \*Lynn Dickey - 1st in Women's Columbia Round Archery, Buffy Fetter - 1st in Class I discus, Sue Sea - 6 1sts in swimming and field events

\*Unable to accompany U.S. Team to Jamaica

Holly Nickeson (below) and Lynn Dickey were selected to Shorter Board, senior women's honorary society.



Below Tom Brown, Jim Taylor, Doug Karlin and Mike Goodling, and not pictured Patrick Vaughan and Tim Harris, were named 1971 Top 100 Seniors.



# 1971 Graduates

## FEBRUARY

Joseph Arcese - Lancaster, New York  
B. S. in Finance  
Traumatic Paraplegia

Larry Bocka - Mansfield, Ohio  
B. S. in Psychology  
Post-Polio

Thomas Brown - Wheatridge, Colorado  
B. S. in Music Education  
Honors  
Double Amputee - Congenital

Doris Desrosiers - Nashua, New Hampshire  
A. B. in Sociology  
Cerebral Palsy

Robert Drew - Milford, Illinois  
B. S. in Industrial Education  
Post-Polio

Nancy Frederick - Blissfield, Michigan  
A. B. in Teaching of English  
High Honors in LAS  
Post-Polio

Thomas Hancock - Hamilton, Ohio  
A. M. in Philosophy  
Post-Polio

Lawrence Johnsen - Park Forest, Illinois  
B. S. in Psychology  
Honors in LAS  
Visually Impaired

Terrence Johnsen - Park Forest, Illinois  
B. S. in Psychology  
Honors in LAS  
Visually Impaired

Sandra Peer-Olney, Illinois  
B. S. in Psychology  
Post-Polio

Kim Pollack - Erlanger, Kentucky  
B. S. in Industrial Engineering  
Post-Polio

Susanne Quinn - Plainville, Massachusetts  
A. M. in Art Education  
Post-Polio

Diana Richardson - Canonsburg, Pennsylvania  
M. S. in Recreation and Park Administration  
Traumatic Paraplegia

Loren Schmitt - Iowa City, Iowa  
A. M. in Labor and Industrial Relations  
Visually Impaired - Totally Blind

Daniel Stahlman - Jamestown, New York  
A. B. in English  
Muscular Dystrophy

Rebecca Waite - Chicago, Illinois  
A. B. in Teaching of Spanish Education  
Visually Impaired - Totally Blind

Nancy Weidner - Waukegan, Illinois  
A. B. in Teaching of Spanish Education  
Visually Impaired - Totally Blind

## JUNE

Rodney Barth - Fountain City, Wisconsin  
B. S. in Teaching of English  
Post-Polio

Lois Bennin - Sheboygan, Wisconsin  
M. A. in Teaching of French  
Post-Polio

Vickie Covington - Bennetsville, South Carolina  
MFA in Musicology  
Arthrogryposis

Patricia Davidson - Glencoe, Illinois  
B. S. in Psychology  
Visually Impaired - Totally Blind

Charlene DeLoach - Wausau, Wisconsin  
Ph. D. in Rehabilitation Counseling  
Post-Polio

John Donnelly - Jersey City, New Jersey  
B. S. in Industrial Administration  
Cerebral Palsy

Frederick Fay - Washington, D. C.  
M. S. in Rehabilitation Counseling  
Traumatic Quadriplegia



Marolyn Fortin - Danvers, Illinois  
MSW in Social Work  
Post-Polio

Timothy Harris - Champaign, Illinois  
B. S. in Teaching of Latin  
Post-Polio

Carl Hay - Divernor, Illinois  
M.S. in Teaching of Technical Education Specialties  
Traumatic Paraplegia

John Holliman - Tulsa, Oklahoma  
B. S. in Physiology  
Traumatic Paraplegia

Kent Hull - Plainville, Illinois  
J. D. in Law  
Cerebral Palsy

Tom Kaminski - Bellewood, Illinois  
B. S. in Business Administration  
Orthopedic Disability - Right Lower Extremity

Douglas Karlen - Chicago, Illinois  
B. S. in History  
High Distinction in History  
Visually Impaired

Marie Landroche - Laconia, New Hampshire  
B.A. in Teaching of English  
Post-Polio

Gloria Lanspery - Kingston, New York  
B.A. in English Education  
Rheumatoid Arthritis

Barbara Mendius - Riverside, Illinois  
B. S. in Biochemistry  
Post-Polio

Donna Miller - Detroit, Michigan  
B. A. in Social Studies Secondary Education  
Post-Polio

James Miller - Rockford, Illinois  
B. S. in Civil Engineering  
Visually Impaired

Joe Murdock - Morganstown, Indiana  
B. S. in Political Science  
Traumatic Quadriplegia

Sherrill O'Brien - Galesburg, Illinois  
M. S. in Teaching of Spanish  
Visually Impaired - Totally Blind

Edward Owen - Kokomo, Indiana  
M. S. in Recreation  
Post-Polio

Dwight Pulsfus - Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin  
B. A. in English Education  
Traumatic Paraplegia

Sidney Rosenbloom - Bayside, New York  
B. S. in Psychology  
Post-Polio

Charles Sheridan - Jamestown, Ohio  
B. S. in Accounting  
Traumatic Paraplegia

## AUGUST

Norton Brown - Muncie, Indiana  
M. S. in Educational Psychology  
Traumatic Paraplegia

Joseph Hemphill - Paris, Illinois  
M. A. in Anthropology  
Post-Polio

Sulvia Herrstrom - Rock Island, Illinois  
B. S. in Mathematics  
High Honors in LAS with High Distinction in  
Mathematics  
Traumatic Paraplegia

Thomas Jones - Champaign, Illinois  
M.S. in Radio and TV  
Traumatic Paraplegia

Arthur Poe-Ozark, Alabama  
A. M. in Economics  
Traumatic Quadriplegia

George Stupp - Frederick, Maryland  
M. S. in Electrical Engineering  
Post-Polio

Patrick Vaughan - Chicago, Illinois  
B. S. in Journalism  
Cerebral Palsy



# “Just a Few Steps”



The University of Illinois is really a great place for people in wheelchairs. All the sidewalks have cut-away curbs, all the buildings have ramps, and most restrooms are wide enough for wheelchairs. However, if a student goes home or starts looking for a job away from Champaign-Urbana, steps immediately become a problem. You don't realize what a problem steps can be if you can't get out of your wheelchair. No one likes to be pulled up steps--there goes your independence.

I have been in a wheelchair all my life but fortunately I can use crutches, too. Before I came to school, I would go up steps on my crutches, but I still required someone's assistance to carry up my chair. When I couldn't get into a bathroom in my chair, I simply hopped a few steps. Before I came to the U of I, I never thought about people who couldn't hop. Now I have become aware of steps and I feel embarrassed when I go somewhere and use my crutches. I think about the fact that one of my friends couldn't go there. This seems like discrimination to me. Every house, building, or store with steps and no ramp or elevator seems to be advertising, “No wheelchairs allowed”.

Able-bodied people are probably reading this and saying, “Well, other towns might need cut-away curbs and ramps but I have never seen a person in a wheelchair in our town”. They don't realize that they may not have seen people in wheelchairs because the town is too inaccessible. Now someone is probably saying, “Well, I am no architect. What can I do about it?” Perhaps you aren't an architect but you may be on the town council or you may have some influence. Even just writing a letter to the editor about accessibility would help.

I did not write this because someone asked me to write about accessibility. I did not write this for the benefit of someone in a wheelchair, because he already knows what the score is. I wrote this for anyone who has felt exhausted after climbing a flight of stairs, for any woman who has ever been pregnant, for anyone who has awakened a baby by bouncing him down a curb, for any elderly person who can't climb a flight of stairs as quickly as he used to, for anyone who has carried several big bags of groceries and hated those steps up to his apartment, and for anyone who has been injured and knows how hard it is to go down a step on crutches, if only for a few days. Remember, a handicapped person may be very independent, but it only takes two steps to make that person very dependent on someone else.



# Alumni Briefs

**William R. Acheson** - Bill is employed as an architect in Dallas, Texas at Architectonics, Inc. He enjoys photography, and his wife, Gloria, and daughter, Ann, are ready subjects. **Lloyd Ackland** - Lloyd is a self-employed farmer in Compton, Illinois. He and Carolyn White were married in Fairfield, Iowa July 10, 1971. **Paul Ahrens** - Paul is currently employed as an electrical engineer at Wisconsin Electric Power Company, Milwaukee. He married Janet Copp August 28, 1971 and they reside in New Berlin, Wisconsin. **Cynthia J. Allen** - Cynthia is a Rehabilitation Counselor with the California Department of Rehabilitation in Los Angeles. After work is over and the housework is completed, Cynthia likes gardening, swimming, and traveling. Last summer she visited Tahiti. **Margaret (nee Wallingford) Allison** - Margaret earned her Master's degree at the University of Illinois in 1961. She now lives in Cherryvale, Kansas. **Anita L. Alter** - Anita is a self-employed portrait photographer working at home in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Her spare time is spent traveling, writing poetry, and candid photo taking. **Kenneth W. Anderson** - Kenneth is an Associate Professor of Mathematics at SUNY-Binghamton College, Binghamton, New York. His wife, Anne, manages the Campus Store. Kenneth enjoys stamp collecting, music, reading, and sports. **James Aoki** - Having received his Bachelor of Architecture Degree in 1963, James now works as an architect with the United States Veterans Administration, Washington, D.C. **Henry Atkinson** - Henry is a graduate student at the University of Colorado at Boulder. In his spare time, Henry enjoys swimming and is presently renewing his private pilot's license using hand controls. **John H. Auby** - John works as a draftsman in La Crosse, Wisconsin for Trane Company. He and his wife, Barbara, have two sons, Richard and William, and a daughter, Sandra. The Aubys enjoy hunting, fishing and camping.

**Shirley Beccue** - Shirley owns and manages the Belles and Beaux Nursery School in Gainesville. She enjoys painting and sightseeing in her home state of Florida. **Judith A. Benoit** - Judith received a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. She is now a Medical Record Librarian for the Department of Health, Education and Welfare at the United States Public Health Service Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. **Susan Black** - A French teacher at Willowbrook High School in Oak Park, Illinois, Susie enjoys art projects, theater going and travel. **Les Blankenship** - Les is a consultant to the Rehabilitation Services Administration in Washington, D.C. Les, his wife, JoAnne, and their two children live in Clarksville, Maryland. **Stephen J. Bodnar** - Stephen, who holds a Ph.D. in Chemistry, now is employed at the Texas-United States Chemical Company, Port Neches, Texas. He resides in Beaumont with his wife, Louise, and his three daughters. In his spare time, he raises and trains jumping horses which his daughters enjoy. **William R. and Paula (nee Bratt) Boston** - During the day, Bill is a bill-insurance underwriter with Continental Insurance Company in Louisville, Kentucky. At night he teaches economics at the University of Louisville. Paula is an elementary school teacher and is presently working on her Master's degree in Education. **Sheila K. Bradley** - Sheila teaches in a physically handicapped class in the Rhodes School District, River Grove, Illinois. **Mary Brainard** - Mary is doing private tutoring in Tucson, Arizona where she and her family moved from Illinois about 2 years ago. Mary does much reading and

letter writing in her spare time. **Mary Bramer** - Mary is starting her twelfth year of teaching English at Kimball Junior High School in Elgin, Illinois. When not teaching, Mary serves as secretary for a local historical society and is a board member of the Easter Seal Association. **Wayne Broeren** - Wayne is a salesman for Thompson Lumber Company in Champaign, Illinois. He and his wife, Cecile, have 4 children, 3 boys and one girl. **Joyce (nee McCurley) Brooks** - Joyce is Director of the Speech and Hearing Clinic in the Glenwood State Hospital-School in Glenwood, Illinois. Her husband, Richard, is employed at the Hospital as a recreation therapist. Richard is also a member of the State Architectural Barriers Committee. With their daughter, Lucinda, and friends, they enjoy outdoor cooking and other activities. **Paul C. Brown** - A city attorney in Horseshoe Bend, Arkansas, Paul also has a private law practice with the Horseshoe Development Corporation.

**George K. Caddy** - George had been employed as a Systems Accountant with the United States Army Munitions Command in Joliet, Illinois. He is now enrolled at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb working on a Master's degree in Accounting. **Vito A. Caleca** - Residing at Downer's Grove, Illinois with his wife, Virginia, and son, Victor, Vito is a Deputy Regional Commissioner for the Social and Rehabilitation Services of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare in Chicago. **John H. Calkins** - John and Anne Calkins and their two children live in Tarrytown, New York where John is an insurance salesman for Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company. His hobbies include sailing and prospecting.

**Sandi (nee Simmons) Carlson** - Sandi is employed as a part-time secretary for the Paragon Packaging Products in Girard, Pennsylvania, where her husband, Albert, also works. In addition, they operate a card, stationery, and small gift business from their home in Erie, Pennsylvania.

**Roger Carroll** - Even though Roger is very busy as an Assistant Director of Public Information at the University of Illinois in Urbana, he finds time to play wheelchair basketball for the Black Knights. He and his wife, Joan, who is a secretary in the Department of Asian Studies at the University of Illinois, have built a new home in Urbana this past year. **Ella (nee Cox) Chafee** - Ella has a position as a Benefit Authorizer with the Social Security Administration in Chicago, Illinois. Her husband, Ian, is employed by Continental Can Company as a shipping clerk. Ella enjoys wheelchair sports, especially swimming. **Chuck Chapman** - With a B.S. in Journalism, Chuck is employed as an Editor with the American Medical Association in Chicago. He and his wife, Kathy, and their seven children live in Elk Grove, Illinois. Chuck lacks much spare time with seven children, but he does serve as a Cub Scout Leader, and Catechist. **Gloria Chin** - Gloria is Assistant Editor of the "Baking Industry" Magazine by Clissold Publishing Company of Chicago. **Marianne Chung** - Marianne took a leave of absence from Hawaii State Library when she gave birth to her first baby. She, her husband, Tien, and their little girl live in Honolulu, Hawaii. **Phyllis Cline** - Although living in Urbana, Illinois, Phyllis is a social worker for a V. A. Hospital in Danville. **Alice Marie (nee Smith) Coleman** - Alice is a psychiatric social worker at the Delaware State Hospital. She and her husband, Norwood, live in Wilmington, Delaware. **Joanna Cornett** - Joanna does counseling at a mental health clinic in China Lake, California. She enjoys swim-

ming and archery.

**Linda C. Davison** - Linda is self-employed in Essexville, Michigan as an information specialist. **Susan R. (nee Breniff) Deacon** - Sue is a student at the University of New Mexico. She, her husband, Glenn, and their son live in Albuquerque. She has helped form a Delta Sigma Omicron Chapter there. **Joan (nee Weisberg) and Edward Dickson** - Their son, Matthew, keeps Joan pretty busy. She and Ed, who is a computer programmer with the Franklin National Bank, are looking for a new home in Hempstead, New York. **Judith Dowell** - Judy is a Comptroller for Becker Volkswagen, Inc. in Champaign, Illinois.

**Anne (nee Graver) and Clark Edwards** - Anne and Clark are both working at the University of Missouri in Columbia, Missouri-Anne as a librarian and Clark as a journalist and instructor. Clark received a M.A. in Journalism from the University of Missouri last year. They are now in the process of building a new home. **Gary N. Ervin** - Hayward, California is Gary's place of residence where he is employed as a Payroll Officer at California State College. Gary enjoys flying his Cherokee 140, which he has equipped with hand controls. **John D. Ezop** - John, his wife, Rita, and their two children live in Saginaw, Michigan. There John is working as a Control Systems Engineer with the Saginaw Steering Gear Division of General Motors. He and his family enjoy traveling.

**Ann (nee Marois) Farina** - Arlington, Virginia is the place of residence for Ann and her husband, Ciro. She is a financial analyst for the Federal Home Loan Bank Board in Washington, D. C. **Carl F. Faust** - A Director at Illinois State Board of Investment, Carl, his wife, Julia, and their two children live in River Forest, Illinois. Carl is very active in church and school activities. **Richard Feltes** - After a year as a farmer at Sonny Acres Farm in West Chicago, Illinois, Rich has returned to college to begin working on his Master's degree in Business Administration at Southern Illinois University. **Alvin Fletcher** - Alvin is an Employment Interviewer for the Illinois State Employment Service in Chicago, Illinois. He is very involved with church work. **Jim Forker** - Jim is an engineer with Westinghouse Nuclear Energy Center in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. **Ira Frank, M.D.** - Dr. Frank is a psychiatrist and was recently appointed Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at the University of California at Los Angeles, Neuropsychiatric Institute. Flying is one hobby he greatly enjoys. **Barbara (nee Cush) Frock** - Barbara, her husband, George, and their two sons live in Austin, Texas. Barbara is a housewife and mother for her family and does private flute teaching in her spare time.

**Marjorie Ann Glossop** - Marjorie, who holds a B.S. in Music Education, is a housewife, living in Dearborn Heights, Michigan. She enjoys teaching private piano students and is a member of the Women's Associations for the Dearborn and Detroit Symphonies. **Jerusa Borges Goncalves** - Senorita Goncalves of Rio de Janeiro came to the University of Illinois to work on her Master's degree in Information Science. She has recently been promoted to Information Specialist. **Mary L. Greenhoe** - A gal from Sweetwater, Tennessee, Mary is teaching private piano and organ lessons while completing her dissertation. She enjoys painting, swimming, and being an aunt. **Lowell Groninger** - Hailing from Baltimore, Maryland, he is an

instructor at the University of Maryland. He, and his wife, Margaret, enjoy traveling, parties, and cards. **Cheryl (nee Summers) Grosser** - Cheryl, a T.A. of English and her husband, who is a Ph.D. candidate in Archaeology at the University of Kansas, team up to show their terrier, Lyric, in shows. The Grossers are from Lawrence, Kansas. **Doris Jean Groth** - Being a mother of 3 children, a homemaker, and doing part-time office work at home (tax consultant), is a full-time job for Doris. She and her family of Kankakee, Illinois had a great vacation in California this past summer. **Dolores C. Gutierrez** - Dolores, a Chicagoan working for the Cook County Department of Public Aid as a Food Stamp Counselor, enjoys reading Spanish literature and this fall spent three weeks in Spain. "Ole!"

**Raphael William Haley** - Bill resides with his family in WestSwanzy, New Hampshire and has a position as a tax consultant for the Markem Machine Corporation. **Juanita Louise Hall** - Juanita, having a Master's in Education (Rehabilitation Counseling), is now employed by the Chicago Department of Mental Health as a Psychiatric Social Worker. **James R. Hanner** - Jim is from Glen Ellyn, Illinois and is a D.V.R. Counselor for the "Prairie State". He dabbles at the fun task of restoring antique cars. **Gary William Hanson** - Gary will graduate from the University of Wisconsin as a Systems Analyst (12 71). He is a "ham" radio operator and raises horses during his leisure hours. **Robert C. Hawkes** - Bob, of Orrington, Maine, is a Speech Pathologist at the Bangor Regional Speech and Hearing Center. Committees seem to be a hobby. He is the Treasurer of the National Wheelchair Athletic Association, is a member of the Citizen's Advisory Committee of the Maine Bureau of Rehabilitation, and is on the Governor's Task Force on Learning Disabilities. **Victor L. Hernandez** - Senor Hernandez is a Traffic Engineer for the City of Los Angeles and enjoys swimming and traveling. **G. Lowell and Darleen I. Hill** - The Hills live in Springfield, Illinois. She is an Adjustments Clerk for the Department of Revenue for the State of Illinois. He is a statistician for the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction for the State. They love traveling and entertaining. **Kay Hoffman** - Kay is a part-time book-keeper, living in Scottsdale, Arizona. She and her husband are genuine sports fiends. They attend many local baseball, basketball and hockey games. **Janece Holmes** - Janece likes to sew for her family. Her family of two children and her husband, Allen, are true sports fans, supporting their hometown hockey team, the St. Paul, Minnesota North Stars. **Marilyn Howard** - "Kay" lives in Mahomet, Illinois and is an accredited Record Technician at Mercy Hospital. **Bette Jane (nee Henlein) Hurst** - In addition to being wife and mother, Bette Jane writes for local nightclub entertainers and is studying to be a real estate broker. Among other things, the Hursts are establishing a social and counseling group, especially for CP's, in their home town of Orlando, Florida. **Robert Hutchins** - The editor of the Pilot News (Plymouth, Indiana) enjoys such activities as "sports, bridge, cribbage, reading, parties-not necessarily in that order".

**Paul Ingle** - Paul, who received his B. S. in Zoology here, is now teaching in the high school in his hometown of North Scituate, Rhode Island. He and his wife are currently engaged in remodeling a newly-purchased apartment house, and making industrial design-educational products. **Paul A. Jensen** - Paul is an Associate Professor at the University of Texas. Paul earned his B.S. in Electrical Engineering at the University of Illinois. He, his wife, Margaret, and their four children, enjoy church activities,

woodworking, and camping in and around Austin. **Stephen M. (Terry) and Helen (nee Byard) Jones** - Residing in Palo Alto, California, Terry and Helen like to travel with their two young daughters. Helen, though now employed as a full-time housewife, is a qualified speech therapist while Stephen is busy as a Clinical Psychologist at the Palo Alto V. A. Hospital, and in a newly-opened private practice. **Tom and Louise (nee Fortman) Jones** - Tom has recently been named Television Sports Director at WCIA in Champaign; and Louise is an Admissions Officer at the University of Illinois. Together, they enjoy fishing in Canada and watching Cub and Cardinal baseball games. **Thomas A. and Susanne (nee Allen) Joyce** - Tom and Susanne live in Springfield, Illinois where he is the In-Patient Treatment Coordinator of the Adult Program at the Andrew McFarland Zone Center. In their spare time, they enjoy stamp collecting and civic clubs, and outdoor activities with their daughter, Janet Mary.

**Bruce L. Karr** - A senior Buyer for United Air Lines, Inc., Bruce lives in Schaumburg, Illinois with his wife and three children. Wheelchair sports occupy much of his spare time, as he competes with the Chicago Sidewinders. **Daniel J. and Barbara G. (nee Gilby) Kaufman** - Dan is Manager of Profit Planning and Control at Winters National Bank and Trust Company in Dayton, Ohio; and Barbara is employed as a Speech Pathologist at the Children's Medical Center in Dayton. Barbara is beginning lessons, using hand controls, for her private airplane pilot's license. Dan obtained his license in August, 1971. **Larry Kaufman** - Larry hails from Cissna Park, Illinois and is manager of a fertilizer plant in Goodwine. He enjoys such outdoor activities as fishing and swimming. **Mary Klatenhoff** - Mary teaches at Charlotte in the Mecklenburg School System. She says she loves being with people. **Mary Ellen Koblitz** - A recent graduate, Mary Ellen plans on teaching art. During her spare time in Shaker Heights, Ohio, she sings in a choir. **Robert Koch** - Bob resides in Urbana, Illinois where he is a Microbiologist for the University of Illinois. **Lynda Koopman** - The Shell Development Company in Houston, Texas is the place of employment for Lynda. She is a mathematician there. **Gerald Kortness** - Jerry is an architect for Kortness and Ripley, Inc. He, his wife, Kathy, and their two sons live in Spooner, Wisconsin. **Janice Kressin** - Having recently returned from a trip to Europe, Janice is back keeping books for Grob, Inc. in Cedarburg, Wisconsin. She is also an active member of the National Paraplegia Foundation. **Ken and Rosie Kroll** - The Krolls live in West Orange, New Jersey where they both are active in wheelchair sports. Ken plays basketball for the Jersey Wheelers. Long Associates, Inc. is Ken's place of employment where he is Senior Advertising Copywriter. **Donald Krumrey** - Don, who has had four and a half years experience as a computer programmer at Boeing, is seeking employment now. He bowls and golfs in Grayslake, Illinois. **Harold Kuehle** - Harold is a Collector of Revenue for Cape Girardeau, Missouri where he is very active in community affairs. Harold gives talks on architectural barriers during his spare time.

**Thomas Linde** - Tom is a Clinical Psychologist at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Knoxville, Iowa. He enjoys playing with his two sons. **Jan Little** - Jan is an editor for Allured Publishing Corporation in Chicago, Illinois.

**Kenneth Matthias** - Residing in Crown Point, Indiana with his wife, Norma, and their three children, Ken works

in the office of the Seaburg-Welsh Auto Supply in Gary. **Bruce (nee Aldendifer) McDaniel** - Bruce, her husband, Robert, and their two children, Derik and Hilary, live in West Lafayette, Indiana where Robert is an Assistant Professor of Middle Eastern History at Purdue University. Bruce does freelance book editing with the majority of her work being from the University of Illinois. She enjoys many hobbies, is President of her local PTA, loves to swim, and she and her family travel abroad often. **Jerry McDowell** - Jerry is an insurance agent for the McDowell-Murvin Insurance Agency, Inc. He and his wife, Ruth Ann, live in Olney, Illinois. **Kathleen (nee Sadowski) McInnes** - Kathleen and her husband, Larry, are expecting a baby around December. Kathleen is a Mental Health Specialist for the Chicago-Read Mental Health Center in Chicago, Illinois. **Sylvia (nee Doherty) Meek** - A recent bride, Sylvia is in private practice as a Speech Pathologist in Lexington, Kentucky. She also teaches junior high students in her spare time. **Jane A. (nee King) Melin** - Jane, her husband, John, and their three daughters live in Urbana, Illinois. John is an Associate Professor at the University of Illinois and Jane describes herself as a homemaker or "Domestic Engineer". She also devotes time and energy to church activities. **David and Ruth (nee Keller) Miehner** - Ruth is a bookkeeper for the Mississippi Division of the Cancer Society in Jackson, Mississippi. David is a News Director for WLBT-TV. **Evelyn (nee Mulry) Moore** - Evie is an Intake Caseworker for the Champaign County Department of Public Aid. She has taken up photography as a hobby since her son, Judd, was born. **Harriet (nee Rovick) Nissenbaum** - Formerly a teacher, Harriet now spends her time raising her two sons in San Diego, California.

**R. Burdette and Jane A. (nee Bauer) Orris** - The Orrises recently built a new home in Davenport, Iowa. He is an Employment Interviewer for the Iowa State Employment Service and she is a Claim's Interviewer for the Iowa Employment Security Commission. **Irene Osthoff** - "Dr." Irene is an Assistant Professor of Psychology at Cottey College in Nevada, Missouri. She enjoys traveling, has explored the Ozark country and was planning a trip to the New England States in the summer of 1971. **Ralph and Andrea (nee Hansen) Patzke** - The Patzkes reside in Champaign, Illinois where Ralph is Office Manager for the Inskip Plumbing, Heating, and Air Conditioning Company. **Sandra Peer** - Sandy, another Champaign, Illinois resident, is busy with plans for her wedding and honeymoon trip to Europe. **Glenwood R. Perkins** - Glen is the Advertising Manager for Eisner Food Stores in Urbana, Illinois. He and his wife, Marjorie, enjoy Indian folklore and sports. **Richard Piech** - Residing in Justice, Illinois with his wife, Roseann, and their son, Richard is a draftsman for the Argonne National Laboratory. **Rosemary (nee Schnipke) Powell** - Rosemary, her husband, Raybourn, and their two sons live in Toledo, Ohio. Rosemary is a clerk typist for the Ohio Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation. She also belongs to a wheelchair square dance group. **John C. Prince** - John is an accountant for the Rust-Oleum Corporation. He, his wife, Arlene, and their two children live in Arlington Heights, Illinois. **Susanne (nee Tellis) Quinn** - Sue and her husband, Jim, live in Urbana, Illinois. She is an art teacher at Centennial High School.

**Jerry A. Range** - Jerry, his wife, Mary Jean, and their

daughter, Michelle Marie, live in Lakewood, Ohio where Jerry works as a Copy Editor on the "Cleveland Plain Dealer". Jerry is a real sports fan, especially amateur baseball and football. **William F. Reiter, Jr.** - Toledo, Ohio is the hometown of Bill, his wife, Rosemary, and their two girls. He is an engineer and physicist for Owens-Illinois Technological Center. **Bill Richard** - Hailing from Chicago, Illinois, Bill is an accountant for the Chicago Federation of Greater Chicago. **Roger D. Robinson** - Roger is a Purchasing Agent for the Palmer Electronics Corporation. He also designs and builds furniture in Inglewood, California and is learning to fly. **George M. Rost** - Living in Waterford, New York with his wife, Joyce, and their son, George is a Computer Programmer for the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles. **Gail (nee Dunning) Roszhart** - Gail and her husband, Terry, who is a Materials Engineer with TRW Systems Group, live in Torrence, California. She and Terry are involved in sharing cultural events and activities with underprivileged children in the Los Angeles Area. Gail planned to enroll in a few courses at the University of California at Los Angeles this Fall 1971. **Eugene B. Rugh** - Eugene is a copy editor for the Fort Wayne (Indiana) News-Sentinel. He is now working on his Masters in Journalism at Ball State University. **Karl G. Rusch** - Karl is an Engineering Job Controller at the Stanford University Medical Center in Atherton-Menlo Park, California.

**Steve Saxton** - Steve lives in Hornell, New York where he is the Treasurer of the Jaycee Chapter. He says he has plans for making downtown Hornell accessible. He enjoys dating and writing poetry in his spare time. **Paul L. Scher** - Paul received his Masters in Education from the University of Illinois in 1965 and is now President of his own company. He lives in Chicago and says he enjoys bicycling, swimming and attending concerts in his spare time. **Diane Schuster** - Diane is enjoying sunny Fort Lauderdale, Florida where she resides with her family. She divides her days between religious activities and reading. **William Schuyler** - Bill is a 1960 alum of the University of Illinois and is now teaching at the University of Louisville. He and his wife, Barbara, and daughter live in Louisville, Kentucky. **Katherine A. (nee Niemeyer) Scullion** - Katherine completed her Masters at Seton Hall University. She and her new husband, Jim, are busy fixing up their first home. **Donald W. Seifferth** - Donald lives in Dayton, Ohio with his wife, Marcia, and their three children and he and his family enjoy boating and camping. He is a Supervisor of Employee Benefits for the Inland Manufacturing Division of the General Motor Company. **James E. Seyhold** - James is a Rehabilitation Counselor for the New Mexico Division of Vocational Rehabilitation at Albuquerque. He works for various civic and veterans organizations, and enjoys traveling. **William "Rick" Shanahan** - Rick lives in Chesapeake City, Maryland and is a graduate student at Princeton University, working on his Ph.D in physics. **Greg Sherman** - Greg, Operations Supervisor for the Social Security Administration in Long Beach, California, enjoys being with his wife, Kay, and two sons in San Gabriel. **Charlotte Smith** - George, "the Frisbee Champ, of South Houston, Texas", holds the position of physiologist for NASA. **Paul Sones** - Paul is an Aeronautical Engineer in Carlisle, Massachusetts. He, his

wife, Sheila, and their three children enjoy snowmobiling. **Wayne W. Spader** - Wayne is an Assistant Accounts Payable Supervisor for the Martin-Brower Corporation in Calumet Park, Illinois. He is also a member of the Chicago Sidewinders Basketball team. **Alice Sporar** - Alice teaches third grade in Cleveland, Ohio and is secretary for the Northeast Ohio Chapter of the NPF. **Jack L. Spring** - Jack enjoys traveling and "the good life", in Springfield, Illinois. He is Senior Underwriter for Horace Mann Educators of Springfield. **Fred Springe** - Villa Park, California is the place of residence for Fred, his wife, Arlene, and their five children. He is an Engineering Manager for the North American Rockwell Information Systems Company. **George W. Steinmann** - George, a self-employed accountant from Tucson, Arizona, dabbles in antique bottle collecting. **Charles and Kay (nee Wishart) Stenberg** - Charles and Kay enjoy entertaining in their Hinsdale, Illinois home these days. Charles is a physicist at the Argonne National Laboratory. **Harry Stewart** - Harry is an attorney with Dukes, O'Rourke and Stewart of Danville, Illinois. Wheelchair basketball occupies some of his time. He is a member of the Black Knights team. **Lynda Stratman** - Lynda, formerly an Executive Sales Assistant for a New York City firm, is teaching in Decatur, Illinois now. She spends much of her spare time training for the National Wheelchair Games and she also attends night classes at the University of Illinois.

**Irene Teas** - Irene is a Catalog Librarian in Mobile, Alabama. She is currently studying at the University of Southern Alabama. **Ja-Cy Thomas** - Rowan Technical Institute is the place of employment where Ja-Cy is Chairman of the Business Education Department. He and his wife, Maureen, and their two sons live in Salisbury, North Carolina. **J. Edward Tichenor** - A social studies teacher residing in Mansfield, Illinois, Ed manages a Little League baseball team and a church softball team and also plays with the Black Knights. **Ronald R. Timpson** - A Research Engineer for Lockheed Missiles and Space Company, Ron also works for the Suicide and Crisis Service of San Jose. His home is in Sunnyvale, California. **John W. Torrance, Jr.** - John works as a copywriter for the Frank J. Corbett, Inc. firm of Chicago, Illinois. He enjoys traveling in his spare time. **Mary Trautman** - Mary is the Assistant Director of the Home of the Needy in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. She is a genuine worker of crossword puzzles. **Thomas F. Tully** - Honolulu, Hawaii is the home location for Tom and his wife, Virginia. Tom works for Alfred H. Yee and Associates, Inc. as a Structural Engineer and Systems Analyst. Virginia is an Occupational Therapist at the Pacific Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine.

**Robert Underwood** - Bob is an Assistant Director, University Honors Programs of the University of Illinois, in Urbana. He, and his wife, Nancy, have two children, David and Susan. Bob is League President of Babe Ruth Baseball and enjoys bowling.

**Mary Lou (nee Meinert) Van Barriger** - Mary Lou enjoys being a fourth grade teacher at the Brookview School in the Rockford, Illinois System. School activities, bowling and NPF occupy any spare time Mary Lou may have. **Douglas and Norma (nee Francis) Van Selow** -



Having received his Master's degree in Education, Douglas is now a Guidance-Counselor at MacArthur High School. He, Norma, and their daughter, Kimberly, live in Decatur, Illinois. Doug and Norma enjoy painting. Norma does art work from her home. **George Veenstra** - Congratulations George and Jeanne who were married July 31, 1971. George is a teacher at Washington Middle School in Springfield, Illinois. Jeanne is a nurse at St. John's Hospital. George continues to play for the Black Knights Basketball Team. **Francis L. Verdun** - Francis and his wife, Darlene, and their three children live in Tinley Park, Illinois. He is a Director of Guidance at Community High School, District 218. Francis and his family enjoy traveling. **Ken Viste, Jr., M.D.** - Appleton, Wisconsin is home for Ken and his wife, Jane. Ken is a neurologist.

**Ruth C. Webb** - Ruth, who is a psychologist, is Director of Developmental Therapy at Glenwood State School in Glenwood, Iowa. For relaxation Ruth finds pleasure in oil painting, classical music and travel. **Ronald Weeks** - The Brokaw Hospital in Normal, Illinois is Ronald's place of employment. Ronald is an auditor. His wife, Lois Jean, is a Law Editor. **Richard Welsch** - At present Richard is a graduate student at Northwestern University. At his home in North Riverside, Illinois, he has set up model railroads, has a stamp collection, and does photographic work-these all being hobbies of his. **William Welsch** - Maryland Correctional Training Center is the place of employment for Bill as an Education Counselor. Bill may now be living in his new home, which was begun in September 1970 in Hagerstown, Maryland. **William K. and Carolyn (nee Metzka) Whitenack** - Bill is a political scientist having received his M.A. from Sacramento State College, June 1970. He and Carolyn live in Davis, California, where Carolyn works as a technician in the Bacteriology Department of the University of California. Bill enjoys archery and various wheelchair sports. **Charles E. Whitman** - When Charles is not having fun with his new hobbies of winemaking and beer brewing, he is seriously working at his job as a Mechanical Engineer with McDonald Douglas Aircraft Company. Charles, his wife, Jeraldine, and their two sons live in St. Peters, Missouri. **Jack Whitman** - Jack is an Account Executive with Radio Station W.D.W.S. in Champaign. His wife, Jan, is Office Supervisor in the Agriculture Economics Department at the University of Illinois. Jack is very active in wheelchair sports and he and his wife enjoy traveling. **Jonathan and Sharon (nee Hovey) Wilkin** - Baileys Crossroads, Virginia--the location of North Virginia Community College is also the location of Jonathan's employment as an instructor. His wife, Sharon, is a Counselor at the Rehabilitation Center for Alcoholics in Lorton, Virginia. In their home in Vienna, Virginia, Sharon enjoys cooking and baking and Jonathan is a model railroad enthusiast. **Phyllis (nee Stockey) Williams** - Phyllis is a Claims Representative for the Social Security Department in Pasadena, California. She and her husband, Frank, are quite occupied with their small son, Frank Williams, Jr. born May 10, 1970. When Phyllis can find spare time, she studies astrology and writes horoscopes. **Ruth Winzer** - Ruth is a social worker with the Burnett County Department of Social Services in Webster, Wisconsin. She likes to paint, read, play and talk with kids. She also follows the construction of new public buildings and informs the contractors and owners of accessibility laws. **Carol (nee Giesse) Woledge** - Carol, her husband, Jack, and their

daughter, Lara Lynn, live in Cincinnati, Ohio. Jack is a Project Engineer (chemical) with P.E. Development Company, Atkinson Square, in Cincinnati, Ohio. Carol stays busy as a housewife, mother and spare time gardener. **William and Carla (nee Melchert) Wright** - Sunny St. Petersburg, Florida is the home of Carla and Bill Wright. Carla is a graduate student at the University of Southern Florida. Bill is a statistician with the Rehabilitation Department of Goodwill Sun-coast. **Conrad Zierdt III** - Conrad is a Co-ordinator of Services to the Handicapped working with VISTA of Lee County in Auburn, Alabama. Conrad enjoys listening to music and reading. **Eva Marie (nee Boudreau) Zwilling** - Two sons and a daughter occupy much of Eva's time. She and her family live in Indianapolis, Indiana where her husband, Lee is a banker with American Fletcher National Bank.

## ATTENTION ALUMS

This year marks the 25th year of the Rehabilitation-Education Center. Special plans are being made for the Alumni Banquet. For further details, see page 40.



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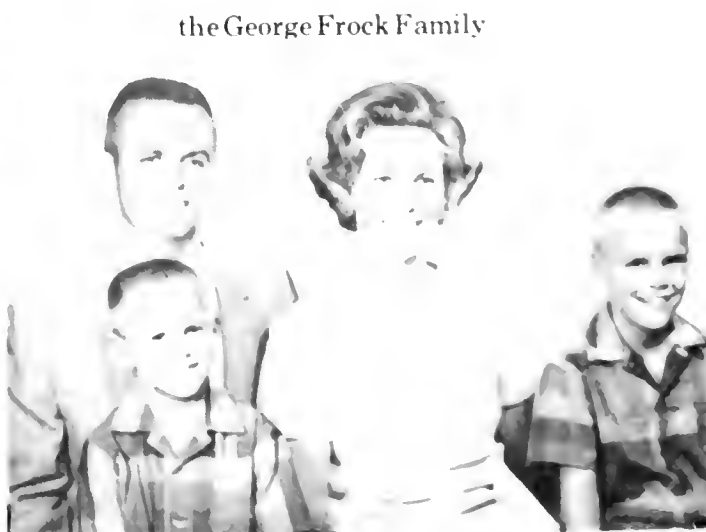
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# Alumni Answer Question:

## “What Difficulties Did You Find Seeking Employment?”

“I find the greatest obstacle to be the preconceived notions in the minds of employers concerning the handicapped. Promotion to ‘hire the handicapped’ isn’t adequate. We need a more in-depth approach similar to the efforts made in overcoming racial prejudice. How many (or few) of us ever thought of ourselves as members of a minority group until time for job hunting? Even previous experience counts for little when meeting a closed mind. Civil Rights, where are you? May all bosses and supervisors soon come to their senses. Ours is a minority group they or anyone can unwillingly join at any time.”

“I have found the things that worry a handicapped person—entrances, rest-rooms, etc.—can be solved easily. The only important thing is, and all the company wants to know, can you do their work. Don’t try to trade on the handicap—that is, don’t accept favors that others don’t get—but use common sense. Don’t agree to do anything you feel you can’t do. Know your limits. Don’t be ashamed of them.”

“As far as advice to anyone goes, I think it is a good idea to put the employer at ease by asking him if he has any questions as to your physical being, limitations, etc. I found that employers are very curious about this, but will hesitate to ask. One has to offer this information about oneself. I feel this has helped me to obtain my position.”

“The only problems encountered are when I travel—not too many stairs in California. However, the Midwest and East are loaded and most airports require stairs for dis- and embarking.”

“A general lack of experience on part of college recruiters in talking and dealing with ‘handicapped’ people. Job hunter must put interviewer ‘at ease’ as soon as possible so that meaningful discussion concerning the job opening and applicant’s qualifications can take place.”

“None. I work for the Nation’s largest employer of the physically handicapped—The Federal Government. Social Security offers many opportunities for the disabled, ideal conditions for those with no prior work experience.”

“The only problem I encountered at all was that one or two fellow employees seemed to feel uncomfortable around disabled persons. Within a very short time, they were all used to having me around and things have worked out quite well.”

“Believe in yourself!—others will. Don’t try to be ‘normal’, try to be yourself.

"It is my conclusion that being blind is similar to being black. 75% of the difficulties encountered regarding employment are made of prejudice. I successfully competed for and have held civil service and private agency positions that required many interviews and many things I could do, I was told I could not. Therefore, I finally decided that self-enterprise would give me the autonomy I have been seeking."

"Some problems arose in making fellow employees feel comfortable when working with me. A good sense of humor on both sides worked that out."

"The problem of accessible public buildings, apartments and motels is one I am continually encountering. Mr. Nugent has done an awful lot to ease the problem with his work on the National Committee to remove architectural barriers, but more needs to be done."

"I have tended to demand too much physical exertion of myself (a psychological problem, basically) and to be unselective in using my energy-consequently, I have either 'run out of steam' or worked in a tired condition much of the time. At the present I am trying to achieve quality rather than quantity in my work, to omit some unnecessary (even though enjoyable) activities in favor of adequate rest. Possibly it has been a problem of 'overcompensating,' but also a problem of lack of decision-making experience in earlier life."

"There are many companies that will not hire the physically disabled. One must accept the 'No's' and go on to the next company. After one is hired, he is watched for a short time to see if the disability interferes with his productivity. Fortunately, this period is short."

"Housing was a problem. My employer thought I would have to have housing within a block of the clinic. When he discovered I could drive, there was a wider selection of living sites available."

"I have never found my handicap to be an obstacle in teaching. People have always accepted me as 'me' and since I don't seem to be bothered by it, no one else is either. If I need help, I ask and I receive, but I've found very little need to ask."

"Employment for persons with disability seems to be more probable than ever before."

"I think that believing in your own possibilities and selling them to others is the best solution."

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Just a way to get around--that's all.  
I don't want to be your conscience,  
But you pretend I am and that's just nonsense.  
Don't you see--I'm just me.  
I'm not acting big about it,  
I'm not pretending that there's nothing wrong.  
There's just no sense to shout it out, it's  
Nothing spectacular, just another way to get along.  
I don't want to be admired,  
For just living day-to-day.  
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By Steve Saxton

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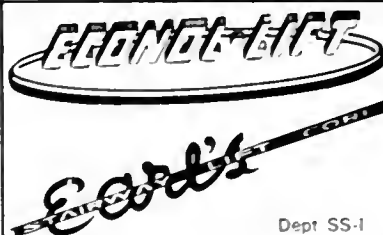
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